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City begins Crown Hill Drive work

The city has begun work on both the east and west sides of Crown Hill Drive. The Wabash Street Department began working on Tuesday, Aug. 30. Residents will experience times of limited access. However, residents will have access to their driveway by end of the day. The planned Street Department schedule for this project is: Tuesday, Aug. 30: Mill or remove 4 inches of asphalt. Wednesday, Aug. 31: Preparation for new asphalt. Thursday, Sept. 1: Start laying the first layer of asphalt. Friday, Sept. 2: Complete the first layer of asphalt. Tuesday, Sept. 6: Start the surface layer of asphalt. Wednesday, Sept. 7: Complete the surface layer of asphalt. The surface layer will be restricted from traffic to allow the asphalt to cool down. This schedule is subject to change due to weather, sub-base repair, mechanical breakdown, etc. For more information, call 260-563-3611.

Downtown Wabash to honor Hispanic Heritage Month on First Friday

First Friday-goers are invited to learn more about Hispanic culture through arts and creativity while enjoying local amenities from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2. The "Fiesta Friday" themed First Friday will honor Hispanic Heritage Month and feature Hispanic artists, Hispanic-owned businesses, dual-language opportunities and authentic Hispanic and Latin-inspired cuisine. Miami Street will be closed off to vehicles to feature a Mexican storytelling and art workshop by Mexica-Arts founder, Emily J. Guerrero, interactive dancing led by Colombian dance instructor Paola Cubides, cultural education and exchange opportunities by PAX Laurasian Exchange, local Hispanic-owned food truck Tacos los Gordos and much more. In addition to cultural offerings, First Friday will feature its usual boutique shopping specials, dining and drink specials from local restaurants, family-friendly activities, vendors, food trucks and free rides on Trolley No. 85. For more information, visit downtownwabash.org.

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MSD releases renderings of proposed new high school

Voters will decide on a referendum during November general election

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Last week, MSD released new architectural renderings of the proposed new high school which will be on the Election Day ballot. On Wednesday, Aug. 24, MSD director of communication and community engagement Laura Lange-

bartels said the facility would be located near Highway 24, just north of Heartland Career Center on Division Road between 150 West and 200 West. "Students in grades 9-12 who currently attend Northfield and Southwood high schools would have the privilege of attending the new school," said

Langebartels.

Langebartels said the building project is dependent on the passing of a referendum in November.

"The school district has worked with Fort Wayne-based architecture firm Barton Coe Vilamaa to create an initial look at the new building," said Langebartels. "The design features two stories with a pitched roof and lots of natural light in the large open areas. Collaborative learning spaces are fea-

tured throughout. State-of-the-art athletic facilities and auditorium would offer the best in extracurricular spaces. The latest in school security designs would also provide enhanced safety for students and staff."

Langebartels said the renderings are "a starting point for what the building could look like."

"If the referendum is passed in November, a

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Boy Band Review will perform on stage at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1 at the Honeywell Center's Eagles Theatre.

Boy Band Review is going to be larger than life

Tribute act to perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1 at the Honeywell Center's Eagles Theatre

By **K.T. MAGNER**
Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

Flashing lights, hands waving in the air, synchronized dancing, and killer harmonies are what people would expect when seeing their favorite boy band. Whether that be NSYNC, Backstreet Boys, New Kids on the Block or, even, the Jonas Brothers.

And that is exactly what

people will get when they see Boy Band Review on stage at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1 at the Honeywell Center's Eagles Theatre. Tickets range in price from \$15 to \$55 and may be purchased by visiting www.honeywellarts.org.

"It's more like it's a rollercoaster and it's all feel good the entire time," Sam Castellano said, one of the newest members of Boy Band Review.

The show goes through its dance moments and its sentimental moments. A Boy Band show would not be complete without some ballads.

The band itself has been around for about a decade now, but it wasn't always

a boy band tribute. It originally started in Chicago as a '90s dance and hip-hop tribute band, but one night changed everything.

"They just decided that they were gonna have a one-night-only kind of theme night and it ended up being a boy band-themed night," Castellano said.

Castellano wasn't in the band during that time – he's only been a member since 2019 – but he's been told many times that it was their most successful night in the history of the band.

Brian Bender, one of the co-founders of the band, had a lightbulb moment after that night and decided to take the boy band theme and run with it. He was the one who

changed the name to what it is today "Boy Band Review."

Castellano has loved performing since childhood. He started as a dancer, but it was always a dream of his to add singing to the mix as well. He was greatly inspired by artists that he covers now in the band.

"I grew up listening to NSYNC and Backstreet Boys, and Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera, and that kind of era of pop music," Castellano said.

Back in 2016, he was even fortunate enough to see DNCE in concert at a jingle-ball-style show. One of the performers was Joe Jonas from the Jonas Brothers.

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Indiana State Police (ISP) K-9 officer Mack will receive a bullet and stab protective vest due to a charitable donation from nonprofit Vested Interest in K9s.

States.

"This potentially lifesaving body armor for four-legged K-9 officers is U.S. made, custom-fitted and (National Institute of Justice) certified," said Slocum.

Slocum said since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s has provided over 4,740 vests to police dogs in all 50 states at a value of \$6.9 million, made possible by both private and corporate donations.

"The program is open to U.S. dogs that are at least 20 months old and actively

employed and certified with law enforcement or related agencies," said Slocum. "K-9s with expired vests are also eligible to participate."

Slocum said there are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K-9s throughout the United States.

Slocum said Vested Interest in K9s accepts tax-deductible contributions in any amount, while a single donation of \$960 will sponsor one vest. Each vest has a value of \$1,744 to \$2,283, weighs an

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Woman's Clubhouse to kick off new season of monthly luncheons

Fall fashion show, hosted by The Francis Shoppe, planned for September

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Woman's Clubhouse has planned the kick-off of the 2022-2023 season of luncheons, said Ellen Stouffer.

Stouffer said next month's program will host The Francis Shoppe, which will present a fall fashion show.

The event has been set to begin with a luncheon at noon Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 770 W. Hill St.

"You will be able to see live models show beautiful, accessorized clothing during the program," said Stouffer. "The Clubhouse is delighted to have Carol's Gang hostess this luncheon. Due to the rising cost of food, please cancel your reservation if you can not come."

Stouffer said members will pay \$12 and

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NMPL to host virtual 'The Basics of Writing Speculative Fiction' workshop

Event sponsored by Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Awards, Indiana Humanities

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Next month, the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) will host a writing workshop with a native Indiana author, said adult department manager and marketing coordinator Jeanna Hann.

The NMPL will host John F. Allen for "The Basics of Speculative Fiction" at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10.

Hann said the free event will be held virtually on Zoom, "allowing participants to join from the comfort of their own home."

Hann said Zoom log-in details will be available on the library website the week before the event.

"The workshop is a basic guide on what speculative fiction consists of and how to create a speculative fiction short story from beginning to end," said Hann. "In this 1.5-hour course, participants will learn the basic mechanics of writing a speculative fiction short story including theme, plot, setting, characters, conflict and world building. What is speculative fiction? You may get a different answer depending on who you ask. Participants will leave this workshop with a solid

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Pollinator Plant ID Workshop set for Sunday, Sept. 11 at Salamonie

STAFF REPORT

Are you interested in attracting pollinators to your yard? If so, you're invited to a special program set for 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11 at Salamonie's Interpretive Center, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, according to interpretive manager Teresa Rody.

Rody said the Pollinator Plant ID Workshop will show how to learn how to identify native plants specifically essential to Indiana pollinators. The workshop is expected to last at least two

hours and will be held rain or shine.

"Our speaker Jake Wyatt will share his knowledge of native plant species. Wyatt, an Indiana Master Naturalist, is a Huntington County native whose hobby and passion for native versus ornamental species covers many years," said Rody. "We will have an introductory presentation inside our building to learn why supporting native pollinators is so important. The focus will be on native plants that are important for the survival of our pollinators. Outdoor

hands-on learning will view native plants and pollinator species in their natural habitats. Dress for the weather, as there will be some walking to locate plants. There will also be caravanning to locations within Lost Bridge West."

The cost is \$10 per person, space is limited and advance registration is required by calling 260-468-2127.

This workshop is supported by Indiana DNR and Upper Wabash Invasives Network (UWIN).

For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/salamonie> lake or dnr.IN.gov.

Pope meets with cardinals on future direction of church

By FRANCES D'EMILIO
Associated Press

ROME — Pope Francis on Tuesday wrapped up two days of closed-door meetings with about 180 cardinals, many of them young enough to elect a future pontiff, including discussions about how the Catholic Church's governance could be made more inclusive.

The sessions focused on a new Apostolic constitution that, among other things, allows lay people to head important Vatican offices, envisioning greater decision-making roles for them, including women.

But since the church has closed the door to women in the priesthood, the most prestigious, and ultimately most powerful roles — including that of a pontiff — remain the realm of men.

The reforms also lend more institutional weight to efforts to fight clerical sex abuse. The document, made public earlier this year, replaced the constitution written by St. John Paul II in 1988.

Francis on Saturday raised 20 churchmen to the rank of cardinal, including 16 younger than 80 and thus el-

igible to vote in a conclave to elect his successor, when the time comes.

Until Pope Benedict XVI resigned in 2013, the first pontiff in almost 600 years to do so, conclaves in recent centuries had followed the death of popes. Francis, who is 85, has said that resignation can be a valid option for pontiffs who can't adequately carry out their role as leader of the world's more than 1.3 billion Catholics.

But he has brushed off talk that he is contemplating stepping down soon despite health problems, including a bad knee that necessitates frequent wheelchair use.

In his homily at a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica to close out the meetings, Francis offered no details about this week's discussions. But he exhorted the cardinals, known as the "princes of the church," to be on guard against the "cancer, the woodworm, of worldly spirituality."

While in Rome these days, cardinals from around the world could size each other up. Encounters, including informal ones, allow them to see who might have the potential to become a future

pope as well as to ponder possible alliances among geographical groupings or among like-minded churchmen from more conservative or more progressive factions.

The Vatican said among themes discussed were the role of lay persons, financial transparency, the managerial structure of the Vatican bureaucracy as well as how to "announce the Gospel in an epoch like the current one."

Francis has worked to reform the Holy See's finances, including its multimillion-dollar investments, one of which is at the heart of a trial underway at the Holy See and involving, among others, a Vatican cardinal.

Francis has tried to make the church more inviting to those who might feel unwelcome, including LGBTQ Catholics, or undervalued, including women.

On Monday, a half-dozen female activists protested as cardinals, with their iconic red headgear, flocked to the meeting on Vatican grounds. The women held up red parasols with slogans reading, "Sexism is a Cardinal Sin." Other slogans were: "It's reigning men" and "Ordain Women."



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LEFT: Drogo's vest was embroidered with the words, "Born to Love-Trained to Serve-Loyal Always." **RIGHT:** Magill's vest was sponsored by Martina Petrigliano, of Fort Lee, New Jersey and embroidered with the sentiment "Gifted by Martina Pet."

MACK

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average of 4 to 5 pounds and comes with a five-year warranty.

In May 2020, ISP Jasper Post public information officer Sgt. David Henderson said two of their police dogs, Magill and Drogo, also received bullet and stab protective vests thanks to Vested Interest in K9s. Magill's vest was sponsored by Martina Petrigliano, of Fort Lee, New Jersey and embroidered with the sentiment "Gifted by Martina Pet." Like Mack, Drogo's vest was embroidered with the words, "Born to Love-Trained to Serve-Loyal Always."

For more information, call 508-824-6978, visit www.vik9s.org, or mail to P.O. Box 9, East Taunton, MA 02718.

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5-Day Weather Summary

Wednesday Sunny 82 / 60	Thursday Sunny 84 / 61	Friday Partly Cloudy 86 / 64	Saturday Mostly Sunny 89 / 65	Sunday Partly Cloudy 86 / 62

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 8:15 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:11 a.m.

First 9/3	Full 9/10	Last 9/17	New 9/25

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 82°, humidity of 49%. West northwest wind 3 to 8 mph. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 60°. West southwest wind 2 to 7 mph. Thursday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 84°, humidity of 50%. Light winds.

WORKSHOP

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understanding of the elements needed to compose their speculative fiction piece."

Allen was born in and currently lives in Indianapolis. He is a founding member of the Speculative Fiction Guild and an active faculty member of the Indiana Writers Center.

"John began writing stories as early as the second grade and pursued various forms of writing at some point, throughout his career," said Hann.

Allen studied liberal arts at IUPUI with a focus on creative writing, received an honorable separation from the U.S. Air Force and is a current member of the American Legion.

Allen's debut novel, "The God Killers," was published in 2013, and "he has since had numerous novellas and short stories published by various publishers." Allen is also a freelance copywriter.

"He is currently working on multiple novels, novellas and short stories, as well as a book of poetry," said Hann.

Hann said this program was made possible with the support of the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Awards, said Indiana Humanities vice president Kristen Fuhs Wells. Category winners and shortlisted authors from the 2020 awards visited communities virtually and in person for the speaker program events to provide readings and discussions. Five communities also hosted Indiana authors for interactive workshops.



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The NMPL will host John F. Allen for "The Basics of Speculative Fiction" at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10.

NMPL director Diane Randall.

In 2021, more than 25 organizations hosted Indiana authors as part of a statewide speakers bureau and writing workshop program offered through the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Awards, said Indiana Humanities vice president Kristen Fuhs Wells. Category winners and shortlisted authors from the 2020 awards visited communities virtually and in person for the speaker program events to provide readings and discussions. Five communities also hosted Indiana authors for interactive workshops.

In addition to paying the speakers' fees, Indiana Humanities provided participating organizations with resources such as a communications toolkit, press release template and graphics for social media promotion. Participating organizations are responsible for working with authors to schedule engagements and cover any travel expenses.

For more information, visit www.indianaauthorsawards.org/events or <https://www.nman.lib.in.us/>.

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Another performer at that same show was Britney Spears, the same artist that Castellano grew up listening to.

"Growing up, I really resonated with NSYNC and had it on repeat right there with Britney Spears," Castellano said. "But now as an adult, performing some of these songs, I actually resonate with Backstreet Boys' music."

Castellano's favorite song is "Larger Than Life" by the Backstreet Boys because that's what he believes a boy band is all about. It's the fans that make a boy band larger than life and that was put to the test during the pandemic.

Back in 2020, Boy Band Review played a resort in Orlando and did something they had never done before. They played what was called

"A Concert from a Distance" where all the guests had to watch the show from their hotel balconies that faced the stage overlooking the pool.

"It was really heartwarming. We're so blessed to have regular fans that come to a lot of our shows, whether it's local in Chicago or as far as Orlando, Florida," Castellano said.

Their fans were able to communicate with them via signs they'd made.

Castellano doesn't have any memorabilia from the big boy bands, but that doesn't mean that's true for all the tribute band members. Jan Torres, their lead singer, was gifted an NSYNC bucket hat for his birthday. The bucket hat was one of the originals from when NSYNC was on tour and was one of the types of merchandise they sold.

Boy Band Review takes pride in not being the average cover band. They don't try to impersonate any of the members of the bands

they cover and are, instead, themselves when they're out on stage.

"We're just really passionate about music," Castellano said. "All of us come from different walks of life [and are] just so blessed to be able to do this for a living and meet up on stage."

Castellano is excited to play in Wabash.

"I love performing in theatres. I think it's a lot of fun to see the audience break the mold of what is traditionally thought of as a theatre show," said Castellano.

He likes seeing people get out of their seats and not sit down during the whole show.

Boy Band Review loves putting on a show and singing and dancing because it brings the show to life in different ways.

"They might get some surprises from the band," Castellano said.

K.T. Magner is a graduate of Anderson University.

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Obituaries

Student loan relief limited for many by U.S. drug war’s legacy

By **AARON MORRISON**
Associated Press

President Joe Biden says he hopes his proposal to forgive federal student loans will narrow the nation’s racial wealth gap. But a generation of Black and Hispanic Americans was disproportionately shut out of one of the keys to Biden’s plan: the Pell Grant program.

As part of the “war on drugs” – a consequential, anti-crime legislative agenda that Biden championed as a U.S. senator – an estimated hundreds of thousands of convicted drug offenders had their access to federal financial aid delayed or denied, including Pell Grants and student loans. If they wanted to go to college after their prison terms ended, these offenders had to take on larger, often predatory, private student loans.

Some were discouraged from seeking federal aid by a requirement to disclose their drug record on finan-

cial aid applications, while others put off attending college or dropped out entirely.

The people most harmed by these policies: Black and Latino men, thanks to drug laws in the 1990s with harsh punishments for crack cocaine and marijuana offenses. Incarceration rates for men of color skyrocketed. The policies remained in place for 25 years, until Congress repealed the Pell Grant ban in 2020.

America’s student loan debt burden, which now tops \$1.6 trillion, “is especially heavy on Black and Hispanic borrowers, who on average have less family wealth to pay for it,” Biden said last week as he announced the forgiveness plan.

The administration has offered to forgive up to \$10,000 in student debt for individuals earning annual incomes of less than \$125,000, or less than \$250,000 for families. And its offer doubles the debt relief to \$20,000 for borrow-

ers who also received Pell Grants, a federal program that gives the neediest undergraduates aid that they don’t have to repay.

Studies show that Pell Grants – one of the nation’s most effective financial aid programs – routinely help more than half of Black students and almost half of Hispanic students afford college. According to the White House, among the 43 million borrowers who are eligible for debt relief under Biden’s plan, more than 60 percent are Pell Grant recipients.

The White House said in a statement to The Associated Press that the student debt relief plan will wipe away about half of the average debt held by Black and Hispanic borrowers, not counting the additional \$10,000 cancellation for Pell Grant recipients.

Amid debate over whether Biden’s forgiveness plan goes far enough for disproportionately indebted communities, criminal justice

reform advocates say the president’s solutions to the student debt crisis must be as comprehensive as the anti-drug laws were.

“I think there’s a particular onus on this administration and on this president to be part of the solution for issues that he was very deeply involved in,” said Melissa Moore, the director of civil systems reform at Drug Policy Alliance.

There’s a generation of former drug offenders who borrowed to pay for school, but don’t have Pell Grants or federal loans, and won’t have any of their student debt forgiven. According to a Student Borrower Protection Center report on private loan debt, Black students are four times as likely as white students to struggle in repayment of private loans.

“For people who previously would have had to check that box, there should be some mechanism by which, if you were excluded in the past, you are prioritized now for relief,” Moore said.

Marilyn Griffith

Nov. 10, 1938 ~ Aug. 28, 2022

Marilyn Griffith, 83, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 8:30 am, Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022, at Wellbrooke of Wabash. She was born on Nov. 10, 1938, in Van Lear, Kentucky, to Oscar and Beatrice (Adams) Salyer.

Marilyn married Bob Gene Griffith in Wabash on July 4, 1959; he died March 16, 2015. She worked for the Springfield Trust Company in Springfield, Missouri, for 13 years as the office manager. Marilyn was a member of the Wabash Friends Church. She was in the Sweet Adelines Choral Group 10 years. Marilyn enjoyed crossword puzzles, reading mystery novels, going to the YMCA, and especially traveling with her husband.



Bloomington, Illinois, Chessa Griffith of Kewanee, and Madison Griffith of Park Rapids; five great-grandchildren, Abigail Griffith, Abraham Griffith, Amius Powe, Adreyel Powe, and Elijah Griffith; her sister, Sheila Denniston of Wabash, her sister-in-law Regina Monroe Haney, of Wabash, and many nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with David Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 9-10:30 am Wednesday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are the Wabash Friends Church or the Wabash County YMCA.

The memorial guest book for Marilyn may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Janice L. (Hidy) Frye

May 26, 1937 ~ Aug. 17, 2022

Janice L. (Hidy) Frye, 85, North Manchester, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2022 in Terre Haute.

She is survived by sons, Matthew (Lynn) Kindy and Craig (Jo) Kindy; daughters, Susan Kindy and Beth (Cindy Stephens) Kindy; step-son, Daniel Frye; step-daughters, Julie Hayward and Lisa Royer; sister, Phyllis Muzzillo; five grand-

children, nine step grandchildren; four great grandchildren; seven step-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022 at 10:30am at Fairview Cemetery in North Manchester followed by a Celebration of Life and meal at the Congregational Christian Church in North Manchester.

Dorthy Reiken

Sept. 19, 1934 ~ July 3, 2022

Dorthy Reiken, 87, of Traverse City, formerly of Wabash, passed away July 3, 2022.

Graveside services for Frederick and Dorthy Reiken will be at 11 a.m. on September 10, 2022, at Falls Cemetery. Follow-

ing Graveside Services, the family will receive friends to visit between 2-4 p.m. at the Honeywell Room at the Honeywell Center.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

Kim Louise Barrus

June 11, 1944 ~ Aug. 27, 2022

Funeral services for Kim Louise Barrus, are 10:30 am, Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Visitation is from 4-7 pm Tuesday, at the funeral home.

Mikhail Gorbachev, who steered Soviet breakup, dead at 91

By **JIM HEINTZ**
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Mikhail Gorbachev, who as the last leader of the Soviet Union waged a losing battle to salvage a crumbling empire but produced extraordinary reforms that led to the end of the Cold War, died Tuesday. He was 91.

The Central Clinical Hospital said in a statement that Gorbachev died after a long illness. No other details were given.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said in a statement carried by Russian news agencies that Russian President Vladimir Putin offered deep condolences over Gorbachev’s death and would send an official telegram to Gorbachev’s family in the morning.

Though in power less than seven years, Gorbachev unleashed a breathtaking series of changes. But they quickly overtook him and resulted in the collapse of the authoritarian Soviet state, the freeing of Eastern European nations from Russian domination and the end of decades of East-West nuclear confrontation.

His decline was humiliating. His power hopelessly sapped by an attempted coup against him in August 1991, he spent his last months in office watching republic after republic declare independence until

he resigned on Dec. 25, 1991. The Soviet Union wrote itself into oblivion a day later.

A quarter-century after the collapse, Gorbachev told The Associated Press that he had not considered using widespread force to try to keep the USSR together because he feared chaos in the nuclear country.

“The country was loaded to the brim with weapons. And it would have immediately pushed the country into a civil war,” he said.

Many of the changes, including the Soviet breakup, bore no resemblance to the transformation that Gorbachev had envisioned when he became Soviet leader in March 1985.

By the end of his rule he was powerless to halt the whirlwind he had sown. Yet Gorbachev may have had a greater impact on the second half of the 20th century than any other political figure.

“I see myself as a man who started the reforms that were necessary for the country and for Europe and the world,” Gorbachev told The AP in a 1992 interview shortly after he left office.

“I am often asked, would I have started it all again if I had to repeat it? Yes, indeed. And with more persistence and determination,” he said.

Gorbachev is survived by a daughter, Irina, and two granddaughters.

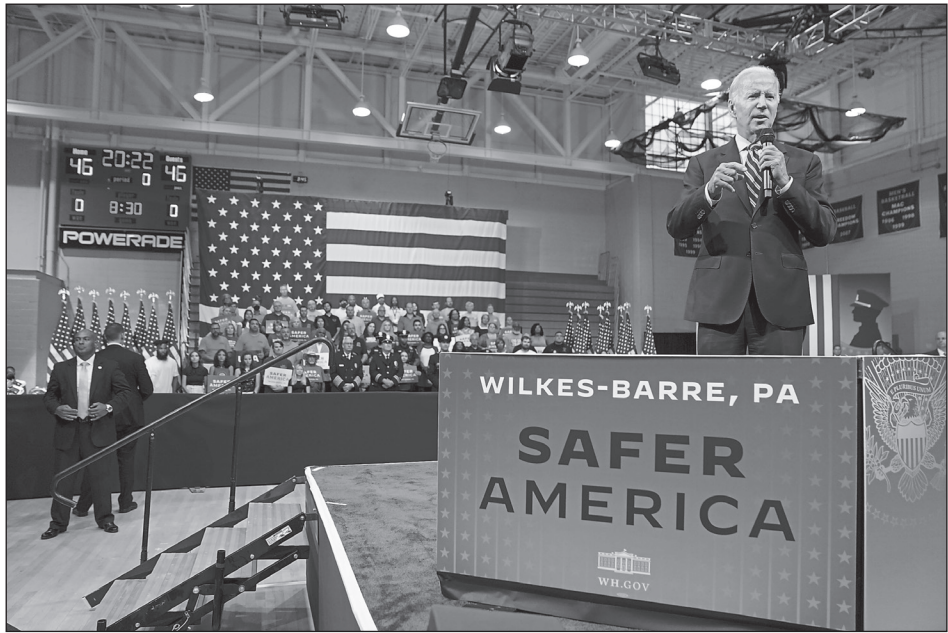
Biden defends FBI, promotes ban on assault-style weapons

By **CHRIS MEGERIAN and MARC LEVY**
Associated Press

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — President Joe Biden on Tuesday forcefully defended the FBI as the agency and its employees have come under withering criticism and threats of violence since executing a search warrant at former President Donald Trump’s Florida residence earlier this month.

“It’s sickening to see the new attacks on the FBI, threatening the life of law enforcement and their families, for simply carrying out the law and doing their job,” Biden said before a crowd of more than 500 at Wilkes University. “I’m opposed to defunding the police; I’m also opposed to defunding the FBI.”

Biden also used his remarks Tuesday to promote his administration’s crime-prevention efforts and to continue to pressure Congress to revive a long-expired federal ban on assault-style weapons. Democrats and Republicans worked together in a rare effort to pass gun safety legislation earlier this year after massacres in Buffalo, New York, and Uvalde, Texas. They were the first significant firearm restrictions approved by Congress in nearly three decades, but Biden



Evan Vucci / AP

President Joe Biden speaks at the Arnaud C. Marts Center on the campus of Wilkes University, on Tuesday, in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

has repeatedly said more needs to be done.

“We beat the NRA. We took them on and beat the NRA straight up. You have no idea how intimidating they are to elected officials,” an animated Biden said. “We’re not stopping here. I’m determined to ban assault weapons in this country! Determined. I did it once before. And I’ll do it again.”

As a U.S. senator, Biden played a leading role in temporarily banning assault-style weapons, includ-

ing firearms similar to the AR-15 that have exploded in popularity in recent years, and he wants to put the law back into place. Biden argued that there was no rationale for such weapons “outside of a war zone” and noted that parents of the young victims at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde had to supply DNA because the weapon used in the massacre rendered the bodies unidentifiable.

“DNA, to say that’s my baby!” Biden said. “What the hell is the matter with us?”

Tuesday’s speech marked Biden’s first of three trips to Pennsylvania in the coming week, underscoring the state’s role as a key political battleground. Trump is hosting his own rally in Pennsylvania on Saturday.

Democrats are trying to blunt Republican efforts to use concern about crime to their advantage in the midterms. It’s a particularly fraught issue in Pennsylvania, a key swing state where a U.S. Senate seat and the governor’s office are up for grabs.

Job vacancies rose in July, dashing Fed hopes for cooling

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The number of open jobs in the United States rose in July after three months of declines, a sign that employers are still urgently seeking workers despite a weakening economy and high inflation.

The increase that the government reported Tuesday will be a disappointment for Federal Reserve officials, who are seeking to cool hiring and the economy by raising short-term interest rates to try to slow borrowing and spending, which tend to fuel inflation. Fed officials hope that their policies will serve primarily to reduce job openings and spare workers the pain of widespread layoffs and higher unemployment.

There were 11.2 million

open jobs available on the last day of July – nearly two jobs, on average, for every unemployed person – up from 11 million in June. June’s figure was also revised sharply higher.

“The Fed has made very little progress in terms of narrowing the gap between labor supply and demand,” Aneta Markowska, chief economist at investment bank Jefferies, wrote in a research note.

Reducing the high demand for workers to a level closer to the available supply would ease the pressure on companies to pay higher wages to attract and keep workers. Higher pay has been passed on by many businesses to consumers in the form of higher prices, thereby intensifying inflation.

Last month, job openings

rose in retail, warehousing and shipping, professional services, and in state and local education. Openings declined in manufacturing and health care.

The number of people who quit their jobs declined slightly in July, to 4.18 million from 4.25 million in June, according to Tuesday’s report. People typically quit jobs for a new position, usually at higher pay. As a result, fewer quits could lessen the pressure on companies to raise pay. But quitting still remains far above pre-pandemic levels, when it rarely topped 3 million.

The data released Tuesday also included a measure of layoffs, which slipped slightly in July. Despite high-profile reports of job cuts, the report reinforced the impression that most companies are

holding onto the vast majority of their employees.

Job vacancies have been elevated since the economy began recovering from the pandemic recession more than two years ago. As demand has rapidly rebounded, employers have sought to quickly add workers.

When COVID-19 struck and widespread shutdowns were imposed in March and April of 2020, businesses slashed 22 million jobs. Yet not all workers have returned as the economy has recovered. There are now fewer people working or looking for work compared with pre-pandemic trends. The number of open jobs reached a record level of 11.9 million in March, before declining for three months. Before the pandemic, they had never topped 8 million.

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A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

Philippians 4:4

Biden’s student loan forgiveness necessary, but still not enough

Kudos to President Joe Biden for fulfilling his campaign promise to give a helping hand to the millions of people across the country saddled with student loan debt. The president’s announcement on Wednesday of a one-time forgiveness of up to \$10,000 for anyone who makes less than \$125,000 per year is a welcomed bit of relief for a generation of recent graduates who have seen their debt burdens skyrocket.

Critics have already attacked the plan from multiple angles including “giveaways to the wealthy” and “freebies for entitled young Americans.” These critiques demonstrate a fundamental lack of understanding of both the debt in question and the proposed forgiveness, which, to repeat, is only available to people making \$125,000 or less.

Even after adjusting for inflation, the cost of tuition and fees at a four-year public college (read as “less expensive”) roughly doubled (a 100 percent increase) every 10 years between 1990 and 2020.

For comparison, tuition and fees increased by only 50 percent in the decade between 1980-1990 and decreased in the decade between 1970-1980.

Given that during that same 50-year time span since 1970, inflation adjusted wages have remained essentially stagnant, a low-wage student wanting to pay their own way through an undergraduate degree program in recent years would need to work four times as many hours as a student in 1970.

And that’s just the cost of tuition and fees. It doesn’t consider that the cost of housing has more than doubled, even after adjusting for inflation, or that the cost of other essential services such as health care

and insurance have outpaced inflation as well.

Traditional students who graduated in the last 20 years also have the unfortunate distinction of trying to start their careers during both of the two largest recessions in modern U.S. economic history. In less than 15 years they have experienced a decline in gross domestic product of greater than 5 percent and 10 percent unemployment ... twice. For comparison, prior to 2007, the last time unemployment was greater than 10 percent at the same time that declined by 5 percent or more was 1948.

In other words, despite the claims of some critics of debt forgiveness, college graduates in the last 20 years have, on average, faced a significantly more difficult economic landscape than the two generations that came before them.

All of which is to reiterate that a one-time, \$10,000 forgiveness of student debt, is a welcomed decision that the Biden administration should be lauded for.

And yet, critics are correct to point out that one-time forgiveness does not solve the student-debt crisis in any meaningful way.

It doesn’t address the rising cost of tuition and fees. It doesn’t make services like health care more accessible to low-income students. And it doesn’t reduce interest rates or expand access to grants or interest-free subsidized loans.

As we wrote in our Aug. 7 editorial “Cut the profits out of student loan debt, tie interest rate to inflation,” Biden’s current approach of limited forgiveness simply kicks the can down the road to future generations of student borrowers.

In that editorial, we argued that the

Biden administration should retroactively reset and recalculate all interest on current and future student loans to the federal inflation rate, making students responsible for paying back their debts, but limiting the government’s ability to profit on the backs of students. The interest on loans from private, for-profit lenders should be similarly restricted, but with a small annual service fee.

That one change would enable more than a third of all borrowers to start paying down the principal on their loans instead of just servicing interest on their debt.

Biden should also expand access and availability to subsidized, interest-free loans for low- and middle-income students; streamline and expand forgiveness programs such as the public-service and public-interest loan forgiveness programs that incentivize students to fill needs and gaps in low-income communities; and provide pathways for low- and middle-income students to have a lower cost of attendance – whether through expansion of Pell Grants or new programs such as subsidized public housing or food subsidies.

But if he really wants to tackle this problem in the long term, Biden’s administration should institute incentive programs for public higher education tuition and cost controls.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, a 1 percent corporate tax hike would generate more than \$10 billion in annual revenue – even more if tax loopholes are eliminated. That’s a significant pool of money.

Congress could earmark that money specifically for public institutions of higher education and tie access to specific benchmarks that reduce the cost of attendance. Examples might

include tuition reduction, increases in need-based scholarships, funding of programs that provide food or housing assistance to students and basic cost controls such as caps on the egregious public-employee salaries earned by coaches and some administrators. This would create opportunities for schools to increase their budget while simultaneously decrease the debt burden of their soon-to-be graduates.

This makes sense not only from a public policy standpoint but from an economic cost-benefit standpoint. American corporations benefit the most from a highly educated, highly skilled workforce and from the spending of higher-income consumers. It makes sense to have a reasonable corporate tax to fund higher education.

And each of these actions would help ensure that college graduates are able to participate fully in the U.S. economy sooner, ultimately benefiting the economy as a whole.

The nation has a powerful vested interest in making higher education available and affordable for all because it drives innovative economic activity. When China wanted to enter modern economies, subsidizing higher education was critical. And the GI bill is what drove 50 years of economic expansion in the US after World War II – higher education is the key to modern economies.

No matter what comes next, we applaud President Biden for taking significant action on student loan debt. But it is clear that more action is needed if we are to avoid returning to the student debt crisis in a few years from now.

This editorial was first published in the Las Vegas Sun.

LETTERS

Thank you to those who made the 23rd Annual Dave Kunkel Cruise-In a success

Over the weekend of Aug. 19, was the 23rd Dave Kunkel Cruise-In. Friday evening was beautiful and there were over 400 cars in attendance. Saturday brought rainy weather and fewer cars but everyone still seemed to have a good time.

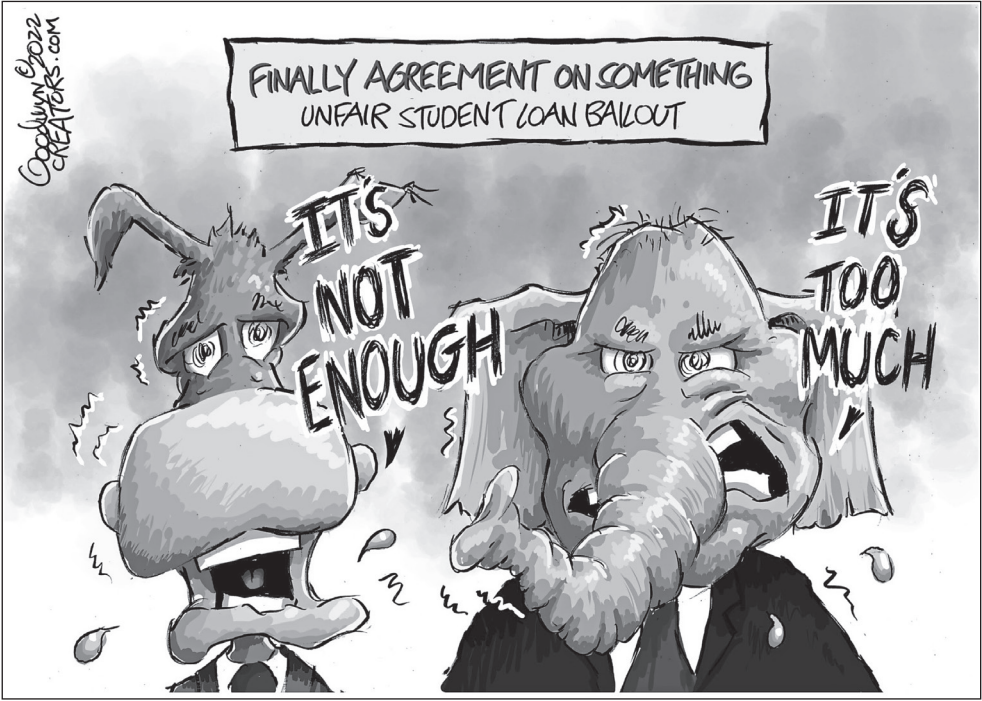
As I think back on these past 23 years, I remember when Dan Harvey approached me in March 2000, a few weeks after Dave had died from ALS, and asked if he could organize a car show in downtown Wabash in memory of Dave. Of course, I agreed and I asked that the proceeds go to the MDA for ALS research. Later that summer, Dan and Gen Harvey, with the help of Greg and Gabi Pettit, Gary Bryant, Bill and Lois Rettig, The Ford Meter Box Company, Dorais Chevrolet and many other individuals and sponsors, were able to set up the first car show close to the Paradise Spring Historical Park area of downtown.

The location of the show and the date were changed many times during the first several years. Finally, the third weekend of August and the Honeywell Center was set as the date and place for this special happening.

This local event has drawn hundreds, maybe thousands, of people to our community and our downtown area and has raised many thousands of dollars for the Muscular Dystrophy Association to be used for ALS (Lou Gehrig’s Disease) research and we continue to hope and pray for a breakthrough in the cause and cure of this devastating neurological disease. Hopefully, we will be able to continue with the car show for many years to come and continue raising donations for this charity.

Therefore, my family and I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with organizing, planning and supporting the Dave Kunkel Cruise-In; especially, all of our sponsors for their continued support over these 23 years. Many thanks, to the guys who judged the cars, all the volunteers who worked behind the scenes, everyone who attended the show and all those who brought their cars. May God surround you with His love and peace.

Sandy Kunkel and family Wabash



When did corporations become infallible and omnipotent?

Business marketing departments advertise today with such shading of the truth it’s like they feel they have a right to say what they please. After all, it is a “free” enterprise, isn’t it?

It is almost as if corporate America has discovered a new Constitutional provision located in the list of the other sacred rights in the First Amendment.

If religion and politics are free to sell their wares making all kinds of crazy promises, why can’t companies?

There is a provision in the Constitution that applies to what businesses can and can’t get away with in advertising. It is the “contract clause,” (Article I, Section 10) But this provision is called “freedom of contract” not because businesses can do whatever they want, but because the seller and the buyer have freedom from government interference as long as they are truthful with each other and honor their obligations.

For example, the seller must not engage in deceptive pricing, deceptive comparisons, misleading/untrue claims or depictions, and competitor disparagement, and must make truthful disclosures about things like research, labeling, and guarantees. One particularly bad practice is using these kinds of tactics to take advantage of the poorly educated or incapacitated – the biblical concern of “afflicting” the poor, widows, and fatherless.

If companies aren’t clear about what they are promising (in federal law, “the nature, characteristics, qualities, or geographic origin of goods, services or commercial activities”) or they are promising more than what they can deliver, they are outside the law and it

is false advertising.

One little trick corporate America uses is to sell products is to offer little to no comparative information when they make an exaggerated claim. They say we offer “more.” Well, more than who? More than what? Or, we charge “less.” But less than who or what? The company may offer more than some and have a price point lower than some, but more or lower than all?

Another common ploy is stating that such and such product/service is only available here at our company. How can a company get away with that when there are typically many other similar products or services on the market?

Advertisers today have consumers so buffaloed that they encourage folks to buy without knowing the price. One bath remodeling company says, “You can have it for easy payments of \$99/month.” Really, for how many months? The ad never says.

An egg company claims, “Good nutrition (from our eggs) is now more important than ever.” There has been a time in the past when good nutrition wasn’t important? The Greeks were teaching the importance of good nutrition 2,500 years ago.

Another advertiser has a hero figure speak in hushed tones as if something important is secretly being communicated to the listener. What follows? Same ol’, same ol’ hokum advertising.

Patients on a particular medication “lost up to 12 pounds.” “Up to” is pretty nebulous, as it allows the company to use data in a study, say of 125 patients, where the great majority lost 2-3 pounds, but one lucky soul lost 12 pounds, so we will use her as our example of what our product can do!

One advertiser says “This is the only medication that can treat both my ____ and my ____.” The product may not

do much at all for the second diagnosis, but it allows the advertiser to claim an apparent product advantage (two benefits for the price of one).

One phone company says its product is great and can be had “starting at \$20.” The product may start at \$20, but where does the pricing end? Is the basic product price point so stripped down that few will ever buy it at that price and a far different product is effectively offered in its place?

A particular pharmaceutical company asks, “Want to do more for your brain?” Its product claims to do a handful of things for your brain: enhance memory, concentration, focus, accuracy, reasoning, learning. Does the science back this up? Where is the published data? It is an untrue claim if the data is not convincing. Also, how do you get more actual smarts? Is this pill a substitute for education? Nope, it is not. But people might think it is.

Another company says, “All that stops you from being the greatest version of yourself,” is taking our asthma medication. Oh really, not education, or becoming a parent? Going without our medication is the only thing holding you back?

A company has a TV ad that says its large collection of fabulous pots and pans can be had “not for \$400, not for \$300, not even for \$200, but for 5 easy payments of \$39.99,” which comes out actually to be \$200, but who is going to do the math? Not the consumer, but the law ought to do the math for the consumer and end such pricing practices.

Due to the lack of enforcement of the law, business advertising today has effectively become a legalized crime.

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PULSE

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Manchester University announces the fall Value, Ideas and the Arts series

Manchester University offers more than a dozen programs in its Value, Ideas the Arts (VIA) series for Fall 2022. Presentations are at 11 a.m. Mondays in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus unless otherwise noted. On Sept. 5, JJ Gorilla will speak about “The Dirty Tricks Market Makers Use to take Your Money.” On Sept. 12, a panel of student-athletes will talk about what it is like to play college sports while being a full-time student. On Sept. 19, author Kali Fajardo-Anstine will speak about “Living the Stories” focusing on how and why she records and crafts stories about Latina women of indigenous descent living in the American West. There will also be a book reading and signing at 6:30 p.m. that Monday on the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center. Sept. 26, Manchester kicks off a series of programs on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Human Rights. Oct. 3, You Yes You! Project Founder and Executive Director Ericka Sanders will discuss her non-profit organization designed to encourage incarcerated men to stay connected to their children. Oct. 10, a panel of Manchester seniors in “What I Would Tell My First-Year Self?” will reflect on their college experience. Oct. 24 is the second part of the Sustainable Development Goal Series. Oct. 31 is “Astrobiology, Theology and the Future of Faith” with Biblical scholar William Brown. Nov. 7 is “We Feel, Therefore We Learn” by Manchester faculty member Tim McKenna-Buchanan, who will share his journey of becoming a foster and adoptive parent and trauma-informed professor. The play, “We Own This Now,” is 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10 in Cordier. Nov. 14, Kimberly Kelly, associate professor of sociology and director of gender studies at Mississippi State University, will speak about “After Roe v. Wade: What Mississippi Means for America.” Nov. 28, Denise Kettering-Lane, associate professor of Brethren studies at Bethany Theological Seminary, will speak about the Church of the Brethren tradition at Manchester. Dec. 5 features a student forum on “Building a Campus Food Security and Biodiversity Action Plan,” where students in the Principles of Biology class will present a vision for improving food security and biodiversity on the North Manchester campus. Check <https://www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA> for additional programs or to see if a particular program will be live-streamed, which is usually finalized within a week of a program.

Rotary Club plans Wabash County United Fund's 2022 campaign kick-off event

The Wabash Rotary Club will signal the beginning of the Wabash County United Fund's (WCUF) 2022 Campaign with a benefit 31st annual golf outing on Wednesday, Sept. 7. The event will begin with lunch at noon hosted by Miller's Merry Manor, followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. at the Honeywell Golf Course, 3360 Niccum Road. To register a team, purchase a sponsorship or for more information, call 260-563-6726 or email steve.johnson@wcunitedfund.org; or call 260-563-0661 ext. 1244 or email mayer7@purdue.edu.

Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon set for Saturday, Sept. 10

The official Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon (MMT) will be held Saturday, Sept. 10. To register or for more information about the MMT visit <https://tinyurl.com/3fsmth54> or email mississinewalake@dnr.in.gov. For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake> or dnr.IN.gov.

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Salamonie Lake's Senior Monday Luncheon is set for Sept. 12

The monthly Senior Monday Luncheon will be held at noon on Sept. 12, at Salamonie Lake's Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. Interpretive Naturalist Anna Dennie will introduce you to Botanical Brews, teas made from native, local plants. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage, and their table service. The main dish—cheesy ham and potato casserole—is provided by Friends of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. A donation will be accepted to help defray costs. Seating is limited. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake> or dnr.IN.gov.

New LGBTQ-plus grief support group begins Sept. 12

The staff of the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center, a service of Stillwater Hospice, has announced the creation of a grief support group for members of the LGBTQ-plus community starting Sept. 12. There is no charge to attend the meeting. Meetings will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center, 5920 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne. To make reservations, call 260-435-3261.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned a tailgate food distribution for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 28 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and at noon Wednesday, Sept. 14 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Registration is open for Leadership Development 2022-2023 cohort

Grow Wabash County has announced that registration is now open for the 2022-2023 cohort of the Leadership Development Wabash County (LDWC) program. Every month between October and May on the third Thursday, participants will attend class at various locations around the county “to better acquaint these leaders with the many assets and resources Wabash County has to offer.” Tuition for this program is \$700 for Grow Wabash County Investors and \$800 for the general public. The tuition covers all course materials, assessments, meals and snacks provided throughout the eight-month program. Grow Wabash County will also award full tuition to one LDWC applicant through the Jim Smith Scholarship. Applications for the scholarship are due by 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15 and open now at www.growwabashcounty.com/jimsmithscholarship. Those interested in sponsoring this year's program or registering themselves or representatives from their company for the 2022-2023 LDWC cohort may do so online at www.growwabashcounty.com/ldwc2223 or by calling 260-563-5258 or emailing chelsea@growwabashcounty.com.

Salamonie Lake's Preschool offers ‘M is for Migrating Monarchs’

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool's “M is for Migrating Monarchs” on Thursday, Sept. 15 at Salamonie Interpretive Center at the Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area (SRA), 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. Learn about monarchs and their amazing journeys. Children ages 2 to 5 and their adults are welcome to attend the class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Each program is designed to enhance the preschooler's basic education, including music, crafts, social interaction and time outdoors, always with a nature-related theme. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is requested. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake> or dnr.IN.gov.

North Manchester Belles and Beaus Square Dance Club to celebrate 50 years

The North Manchester Belles and Beaus Square Dance Club is celebrating 50 years of existence this year with a celebration at their Sunday, Sept. 18 dance. Club dances are now held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month—from September through December, and from February through June—at Scout Hall, 108 W. 7th St., North Manchester. Once again, lessons are planned for this fall, beginning Sunday, Sept. 25. They will be held at the Scout Hall in North Manchester from 4 to 6 p.m. and will be open for beginners for three weeks. For more information, call 260-982-2814.

Charley Creek Gardens to present ‘Lunch & Learn’ series

The Charley Creek Gardens 2022 “Lunch & Learn” series will continue at 551 N. Miami St. with Landscape & Weed Identification on Wednesday, Sept. 21; Resist Technique Painting on Wednesday, Oct. 19; and Poinsettia Cards on Wednesday, Nov. 16. Admission is free, with reservations required due to limited seating. Reservations may be made by visiting www.honeywellarts.org or calling 260-563-1102.

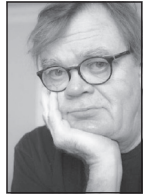
Manchester Civic Band celebrates a half-century of making music with concerts

The Manchester Civic Band typically holds three concerts per year at the Peabody Retirement Community and Timbercrest Retirement Community. This year will be no different as performances at Peabody Retirement Community have been scheduled for 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 21 and Dec. 7. This year's Timbercrest Retirement Community performances have been scheduled for 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 28 and Dec. 14. They usually perform on a semi-trailer bed during the North Manchester Fun Fest parade and at Doud's Orchard Open House in Denver, Indiana. The band will also perform at “Light up the Town” on Friday, Dec. 2 at The Firehouse, 108 W. Main St., North Manchester, to celebrate North Manchester's Second Fridays on Main for December. Practices are open to all and held weekly at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the band room at Manchester High School, 1 Squire Drive, North Manchester.

Into the tunnel, thinking in the dark

Spending some time at Mayo, much of it ordinary, waiting, listening, doing as told, but some of it primal, such as the CAT scan in which I lay on a narrow platform, hands over my head, and

Garrison Keillor



was conveyed into a narrow tunnel in the dark and lay there, which made me imagine the vaginal tunnel that I descended from. Two siblings preceded me, three followed, and this descent bound us to our mother—we came out of her body—whereas our father, though contributing his fluid, was an onlooker. One could grow closer to him over time (I did not) but Mother was Mother. I hear about fabulous fathers in the two generations following mine and I believe what I hear, but Mother retains that physical sensation of us. In that tunnel, we experienced the trauma of leaving the uterus and thereafter found the delight of independence. I watched my mother closely and when I saw her delight reading Cedric Adams's column in the evening Star, I set out on a course I'm still following 70-some years later.

I had a phone consultation with a Mayo pharmacist and after I'd gone over my long list of medications and dosages, I heard a child's voice and realized he was working from his home. It was his tiny daughter Airi. We talked and his joy in this child was clear as could be. For me, growing up

in the Fifties, my father's approval meant nothing, it simply wasn't available, whereas my mother's was. I did comedy on the radio because she loved comedy. When she was very old, I did sketches about her on the radio, in which she was a circus star, a sharpshooter like Annie Oakley, riding a galloping horse and shooting a cigarette out of my mouth as she passed. (Mother was horrified by my smoking habit.) She enjoyed that.

I lay in my tunnel, eyes closed, and heard the beeping of sonar, and remembered the Lincoln Tunnel, the summer of 1953, in a car with my dad, just the two of us. He hadn't wanted to take me but Mother insisted. She wanted me to see New York. Now I live there and think of him often.

The technician said through a speaker, “How are you doing? Not much longer.” Actually, I wished it could be longer. I heard ocean waves and remembered reading about men who escaped from a life in the mines of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, perhaps ancestors of mine, in favor of going to sea on whaling ships, which had its own dangers but ones preferable to being blown up in a mine explosion and spending weeks in the dark underground, dying. Whaling offered long tours to Asia and north to Greenland, a comradeship not available in the mines, fresh salt air, and freedom from the strictures of small mining towns, but it was perilous too. Dressed in oilskins, the men stood aboard the ship in heavy seas and hacked the blubber off the monsters as they were hauled up

and threw it in an oven to cook down into whale oil, the deck slippery with oil, blades honed razor sharp, men sliding around as the ship pitched and rolled. It was not for the faint of heart. The men who stood on a platform on the hull to secure the hook to the hoist were in a precarious place and some lost their balance and fell into the sea and couldn't be saved, sharks were on them in moments and feasted on them below.


I lay in my warm dark cocoon and though I might imagine I'd had an adventurous life, like whaling, it was clear as could be that my life was narrow and enclosed, growing up Brethren, secure in a cultish sect, living aloof from classmates, a reader reclining on a porch swing, absorbed in books, then aced my way into an early morning radio slot that nobody else wanted and developed it into a Saturday night show that in the mid-Eighties got only admiring press, thanks to the advantage of novelty, and being the sole writer of the show I had no need to dicker or fight with management, I was left strictly alone, and so I lived in my imagination long past the time most people came to adulthood. And then the conveyor hummed and I came back into bright lights. She took out the IV and said, “So how was that?”

It was revelatory, my dear. She ran the CAT scan and I did my own analysis. You never know when you may be presented with new information.

Garrison Keillor is the author of two new books, “Lake Wobegon Virus” and “That Time of Year (a memoir).”

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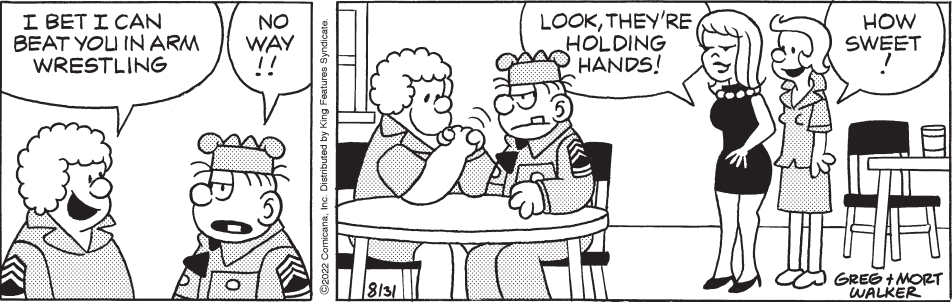


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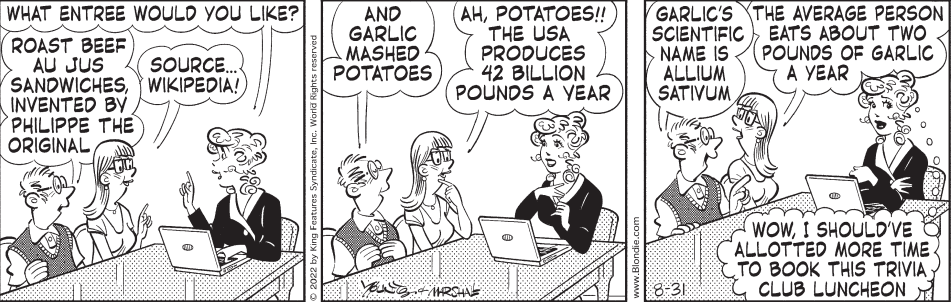
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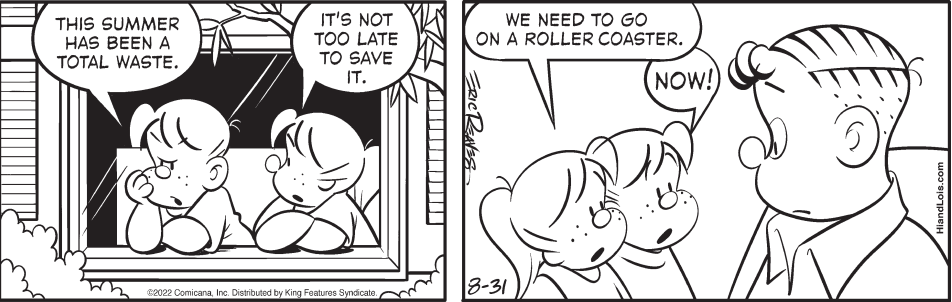
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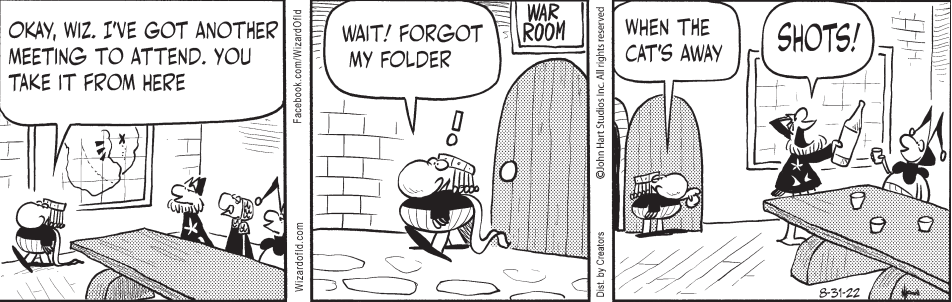
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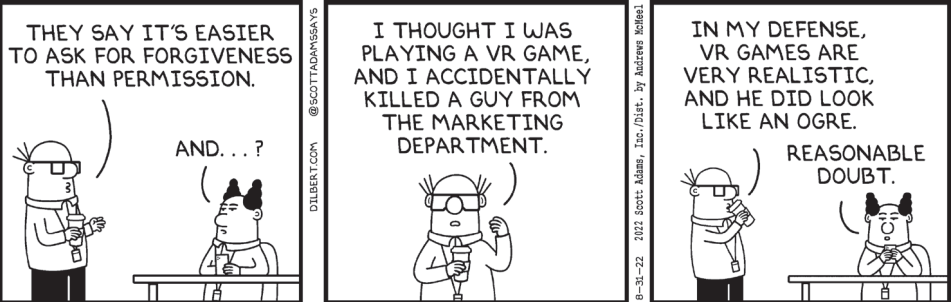
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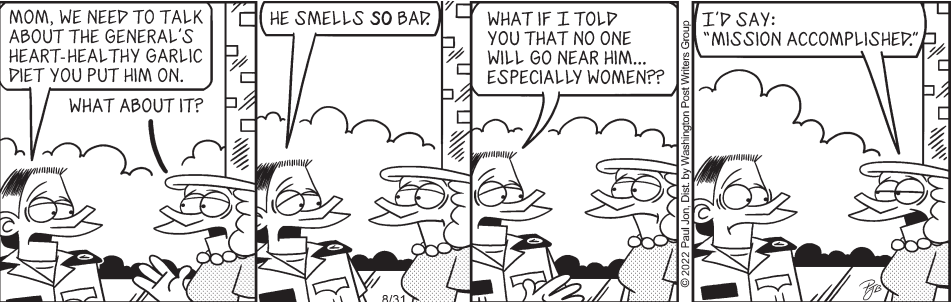
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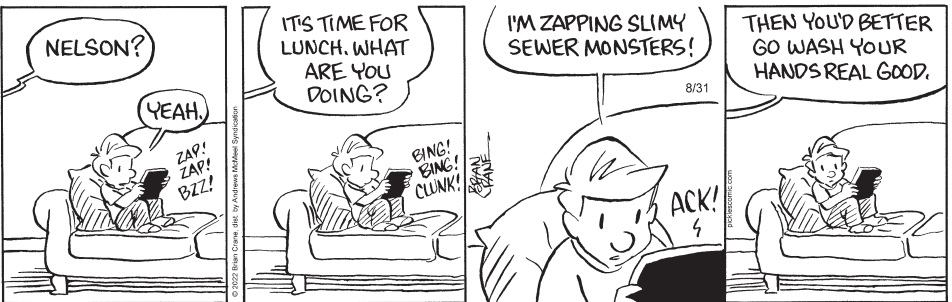
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

Today's solution

6	1	7	8	2	9	5	4	9
8	4	9	6	5	1	2	8	2
5	9	2	4	9	1	8	6	
9	2	8	1	5	6	2	4	
1	6	8	2	4	7	8	9	
4	2	9	5	8	6	8	1	
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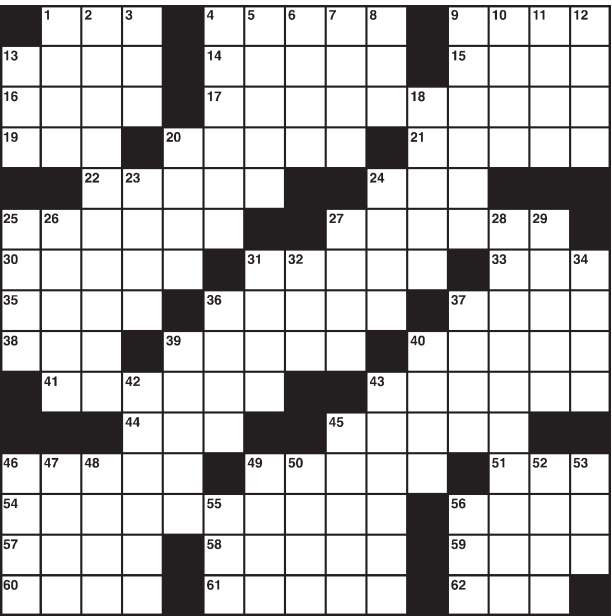
THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Just purchased
- 4 Water balloon's noise
- 9 Con game
- 13 Sheltered bay
- 14 Choice; top-notch
- 15 Midwest state
- 16 Many a golf tournament
- 17 Homes
- 19 TV room, perhaps
- 20 Orkin's targets
- 21 Starring roles
- 22 Attempts
- 24 Crow's comment
- 25 Orange & peach
- 27 ___ with; tolerates
- 30 Get in touch with
- 31 Investigation
- 33 Arrest
- 35 Suffix for notice or wash
- 36 Furry marsupial
- 37 Part of the alphabet
- 38 Actor Brynner
- 39 Funeral hymn
- 40 ___ to do; get the hang of
- 41 Oppressive ruler
- 43 Upper room
- 44 Wrap up
- 45 Dried fruit
- 46 Loosen
- 49 Sandwich maker's need
- 51 To ___ for; very desirable
- 54 Downtown thoroughfare
- 56 As easy as falling ___ log
- 57 Stack
- 58 Forgo voluntarily
- 59 Hay storage area
- 60 Luge
- 61 More abnormal
- 62 Parched

DOWN

- 1 Slangy reply
- 2 At long last
- 3 Actress Ming-Na
- 4 Wild binges



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Today's solution



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- 34 Crooked
- 36 Charitable
- 37 Swiss capital
- 39 Copenhagen folks
- 40 Heap praises on
- 42 ___ in; brought under control
- 43 Cheese shredder
- 45 Irritate
- 46 Strike callers
- 47 Tack
- 48 Flooring piece
- 49 Angelina's ex
- 50 Actor Tim
- 52 Uncertain
- 53 Gobble up
- 55 Deuce
- 56 Vintage

Alcoholic nanny drinking on the job poses risks

DEAR AMY: My sister “Helen” moved to my state several years ago when her life was in freefall. She is an alcoholic.

Helen has been in and out of rehab four times since then, and her children and others have revealed that her drinking has been an issue for about 17 years – the last 10 of which Helen has been working as a nanny – and drinking on the job.

Amy Dickinson
Ask Amy



The past two years she has gone twice directly from rehab into nanny positions without informing the parents of the child/children.

I, and other family members, have been very clear that we think this is unethical and dangerous, but she refuses to consider other options because she can make \$25 to \$30 an hour instead of \$15 to \$17 in another job.

What is my moral and ethical obligation?

I’ve thought about contacting families or the Facebook page she has advertised her services with. The only saving grace is that most parents work from home, and she doesn’t have a car. She does have a license, however.

She will be in a sober-living house with drug testing for a few months, but is that enough? My husband and friends feel I shouldn’t get involved.

Should I? – Worried

DEAR WORRIED: To clarify, parents who work from home hire childcare help in part to drive their children places, and to run errands using the

car. You state that you know your sister is drinking on the job, and if so you are ethically bound to try to warn the family she is working for of the risk she poses.

You don’t state exactly why “Helen” has been bouncing from job to job (is she quitting or getting fired?) – and it is a mystery that the parents who hire her don’t discover her job (or rehab) history. She is either supplying false information about this, or they (wrongly) assume that hiring someone off of a Facebook page is the same as going through a bonded and professional nanny service.

You should tell Helen that if you learn that she is taking in-home childcare positions, you will do your best to contact the family, urge them to do their due diligence, and warn them of the risk she might pose.

This might not seem fair to someone who is currently out of rehab and sober, but given her addiction history and the way she cycles in and out, her ability to maintain her sobriety should not be assumed.

Nanny positions might pay well, but this sort of work is very demanding, and also frequently repetitive and boring. In addition to the risk she poses to the children in her care, this sort of work might not be good for maintaining her sobriety.

Lengthy stays in rehab also cut into her income. If she finds another more compatible line of work, she might gain stability and income over time.

DEAR AMY: I am trying to figure out a graceful way to stop what I call “text bombing.”

I have a friend who occasionally bombs my phone with 20 to 40 texts.

Sometimes these are text chains about her job (which she hates) or her mother (whom she dislikes) or just a series of funny(?) videos she’s seen on Instagram or TikTok.

My friend is very sensitive to criticism. I really want to figure out a way to not be her stream of consciousness outlet when she’s upset or bored.

I have muted these conversations, but sometimes the lack of response redoubles her texting.

Can you suggest how to respond after the 10th or so text – to nip it in the bud? – Texted Out

DEAR TEXTED: You’ve asked about how to interrupt the text-stream. You could respond: “Sorry, but I’m taking a digital break. Let’s set up a time to talk?”

Otherwise, I suggest that you use the “do not disturb” function on your phone and simply not reply at all.

At all. At some point, your friend might mention your lack of attention or response to her texts. And you can tell her that, “We all have different communication styles, and I prefer talking to texting.”

DEAR AMY: “Upset in-law” described her husband’s no-win position as the executor of his parents’ will, where they insisted on cutting his sister completely out of their inheritance.

Your response was OK, but you left something out: He could choose to simply share his own inheritance with her.

I did that, and I’ve never regretted it. -- A Will and a Way
DEAR A WILL: Absolutely! Thank you.

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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 31, 2022

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Grab the joy stick. It might be in your best interests to take charge so you know the appropriate steps are taken. A change of scene or a firm commitment may be needed to sustain your relationship and your love life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Positive thoughts and positive timing create positive results. Avoid the urge to make personal decisions based on impersonal business tactics. Focus on building lasting contentment rather than indulging in fleeting pleasures.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you are poised and confident in your abilities, you can overcome any obstacles. You may be quick to see the benefits of every idea. Any worthy goal you choose to pursue with good intentions could result in success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Let your money spiral out to do good. The rewards you receive from being generous can outweigh the drawbacks of spending a little bit too much. Stretch your imagination and

seek out new inspiration.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be reliable and a loved one will likely be the same for you. Making changes to a settled business matter might upset someone’s apperart. It might be easier and less stressful to find cooperative mutually satisfying solutions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Find appropriate and constructive outlets for your energy and expertise. Some people can go overboard and balk at restraints when they are filled with natural exuberance. Focus on smoothing out a misunderstanding.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your heart could grow warm when someone proves their devotion. A special someone could be eager to fly along by your side. Affection can blossom into something more lasting and enduring in the right circumstances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Don’t settle for all work and no play. You may be chipping away at your work when a loved one has romantic plans. You may be challenged to handle a truly unique person who shows up at just the wrong

moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Honor your commitments. You’ll need to force yourself to do the right thing if your feelings have changed. Stick to your obligations to help you overcome differences and promote a positive change.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A passing conversation may be enlightening. You might see a complicated financial dilemma in a new light and arrive at a real and sustainable solution. A romantic partner may be in the mood for more togetherness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A romantic partner may be quietly looking for a response to their demonstrations of affection. If you are distracted by a beehive of activity within the family, you could be less attentive than you should be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Picture a perfect outcome. Use mental imagery and let your subconscious and the Universe work on your behalf behind the scenes. Put conflicts on the back burner and light up someone’s heart with affection tonight.

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The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has issued a Land Application Permit to Shankster Bros. LP d/b/a Biowaste Processing at 1099 West CR 1250 North, Milford, IN, Permit No. IN LA 000903. This Hybrid Land Application Permit allows Biowaste Processing to land apply biosolids to agricultural land in Elkhart, Kosciusko, and Wabash Counties. For specific information concerning their land application program, contact John Metzger, Biowaste Processing, at (260) 578-2535 or john@biowasteprocessing.com. If you have any questions, regarding the permit process, contact Brenda Stephanoff, the environmental manager assigned to this permit, at (317) 233-0472 or bstephan@idem.IN.gov. The final decision is available online via IDEM's Virtual File Cabinet (VFC). Please go to: <http://vfc.idem.in.gov/>. Documents related to this permit can be found by selecting the "Full Text Search" field and entering this facility's permit number, 000903.

APPEAL PROCEDURES

If you wish to challenge this decision, IC 13-15-6-1 and IC 4-21.5-3-7 require that you file a Petition for Administrative Review. If you seek to have the effectiveness of the permit stayed during the Administrative Review, you must also file a Petition for Stay. The Petition(s) must be submitted to the Office of Environmental Adjudication (OEA) at the following address within 15 days of the date of newspaper publication of this Notice:

Office of Environmental Adjudication
Indiana Government Center North, Room N103
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204

The Petition(s) must include facts demonstrating that you are either the applicant, a person aggrieved or adversely affected by the decision, or otherwise entitled to review by law. Identifying the permit, decision, or other order for which you seek review by permit number, name of the applicant, location, or date of this notice will expedite review of the petition. Additionally, IC 13-15-6-2 and 315 IAC 1-3-2 require that your Petition include:

1. the name, address, and telephone number of the person making the request;
2. the interest of the person making the request;
3. identification of any persons represented by the person making the request;
4. the reasons, with particularity, for the request;
5. the issues, with particularity, for the request;
6. identification of the terms and conditions which, in the judgment of the person making the request, would be appropriate in the case in question to satisfy the requirements of the law governing documents of the type granted or denied by the Commissioner's action; and
7. a copy of the pertinent portions of the permit, decision, or other order for which you seek review, at a minimum, the portion of the Commissioner's action that identifies the person to whom the action is directed and the identification number of the action.

Pursuant to IC 4-21.5-3-1(f), any document serving as a petition for review or review and stay must be filed with the OEA. Filing of such a document is complete on the earliest of the following dates:


1. the date on which the petition is delivered to the OEA;
2. the date of the postmark on the envelope containing the petition, if the petition is mailed to the OEA by United States mail; or
3. the date on which the petition is deposited with a private carrier, as shown by a receipt issued by the carrier, if the petition is sent to the OEA by private carrier.

In order to assist permit staff in tracking any appeals of the decision, please provide a copy of your petition to Brenda Stephanoff, IDEM, Solid Waste Permits, IGCN 1154, 100 North Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251.

The OEA will provide you with notice of any pre-hearing conferences, preliminary hearings, hearings, stays, or orders regarding this decision if you submit a written request to the OEA. If you do not provide a written request to the OEA, you will no longer be notified of any proceedings pertaining to this decision.

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Notice is hereby given on the 21st day of August, 2022, MSD of Wabash County(Petitioner's name) filed with the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Wabash, Indiana, a petition requesting an appeal of a decision by the Building Commissioner of the City of Wabash, Indiana, to-wit: for the grant of a (special exception) (variance).

The location and description of the property for which the high school has been requested is 1.) 200 W 2.) 150 W 3.) 98 N 150 W Wabash, IN 46992

The description of the action requested in the petition is (state that it is a variance or special exception and describe the variance or special exception in detail)
Use variance to construct a high school in the GB location.

The petition and all necessary information relating thereto will be available for public inspection in the office of the Building Commission of the City of Wabash, Indiana, Wabash City Hall, 202 South Wabash Street, Wabash, Indiana from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday of each week until the date of the hearing of the petition.

A public hearing will be held by said Board on the 15th day of September, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wabash City Hall, 202 South Wabash Street, Wabash, Indiana, at which time all interested persons will have the opportunity to be heard on the matters set forth in the petition.

James Straws
CBI, CFI, CPE
Building Commissioner

DESCRIPTIONS:
TRACT 1:

PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION NUMBER 35, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST, WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA, BEING CONTAINED ENTIRELY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF A TRACT OF LAND NOW (OR FORMERLY) OWNED BY SANDRA HEITMANSPERGER AND WILLIAM JEFFERSON AS RECORDED ON PAGES 67-69 OF MISCELLANEOUS RECORD 130, IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA RECORDER AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER, MARKED BY A WABASH COUNTY SECTION CORNER MONUMENT; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST (ASSUMED BEARING), ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER, 1332.48 FEET TO A RAILROAD SPIKE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTH HALF OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTH HALF, 1235.53 FEET TO AN IRON REBAR STAKE WITH A PLASTIC CAP STAMPED LS80040428; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST, 1332.87 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST, 1235.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 37.80 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: A TRACT OF LAND, BEING A PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION THIRTY-FIVE (35), TOWNSHIP TWENTY-EIGHT (28) NORTH, RANGE SIX (6) EAST OF THE SECOND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION, MARKED BY A WABASH COUNTY SECTION CORNER MONUMENT; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST (RECORD BEARING, VOL. 323, PAGE 340), ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER, 417.45 FEET TO A SET MAG NAIL; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST, AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER, 417.45 FEET TO A SET STEEL REBAR; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST, AND PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER, 417.45 FEET TO A SET MAG NAIL ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER, 417.45 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 4.000 ACRES AND BEING SUBJECT TO RIGHTS OF WAY FOR COUNTY ROAD 200 WEST AND DIVISION ROAD.

TRACT 2:

PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION NUMBER 35, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST, WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA, BEING CONTAINED ENTIRELY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF A TRACT OF LAND NOW (OR FORMERLY) OWNED BY SANDRA HETTMANSPERGER AND WILLIAM JEFFERSON AS RECORDED ON PAGES 67-69 OF MISCELLANEOUS RECORD 130 IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA RECORDER AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER, MARKED BY A WABASH COUNTY SECTION CORNER MONUMENT; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST (ASSUMED BEARING), ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER, 1235.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST, 1332.87 FEET TO AN IRON REBAR STAKE WITH A PLASTIC CAP STAMPED LS80040428 ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH HALF OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER, THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTH HALF, 1409.65 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID EAST LINE 618.42 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF A 2.32 ACRE TRACT OF LAND NOW (OR FORMERLY) OWNED BY SANDRA HETTMANSPERGER AND NEVIN F. HETTMANSPERGER AS RECORDED ON PAGES 458-460 OF DEED RECORD 290 IN THE RECORDS OF SAID RECORDER'S OFFICE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID 2.32 ACRE TRACT, 325.25 FEET TO A FIVE-EIGHTS INCH DIAMETER IRON REBAR STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID 2.32 ACRES TRACT, 174.43 FEET TO A FIVE-EIGHTS INCH DIAMETER IRON REBAR STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID 2.32 ACRE TRACT, 64.61 FEET TO A WOOD CORNER POST; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID 2.32 ACRE TRACT, 297.07 FEET TO A FIVE-EIGHTS INCH DIAMETER IRON REBAR STAKE ON

THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY NUMBER 24; THENCE SOUTH 50 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 233.92 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT; THENCE WESTERLY, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, AND CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OR 275.02 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 174.32 FEET AND SUBTENDED BY A CHORD BEARING SOUTH 70 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST, 171.42 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST, 92.64 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 30.68 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 721.68 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 37.80 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

TRACT 3:

PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION THIRTY-FIVE (35) TOWNSHIP TWENTY-EIGHT (28) NORTH, RANGE SIX (6) EAST, WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA AND BEING CONTAINED ENTIRELY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF A TRACT OF LAND FORMERLY OWNED BY WILLIE L. CUSTER AND NONDAS E. CUSTER, RECORDED IN DEED RECORD 183, PAGE 590 IN THE OFFICE OF THE WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA RECORDER AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:


COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIPE FOUND AS REFERENCED IN THE RECORDS OF THE WABASH COUNTY SURVEYOR, MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH THIRTY-SEVEN (37) DEGREES THIRTY-FIVE (35) MINUTES NO (00) SECONDS WEST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF RELOCATED LASALLE ROAD, A DISTANCE OF THREE HUNDRED EIGHT AND NINETY-ONE HUNDREDTHS (308.91) FEET TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF RELOCATED NICCUM ROAD AS ESTABLISHED BY MONUMENTATION FOUND; THENCE SOUTH FIFTY-TWO (52) DEGREES TWENTY FIVE (25) MINUTES NO (00) SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF NICCUM ROAD, A DISTANCE OF EIGHTY-SEVEN AND NINETEEN HUNDREDTHS (87.19) FEET TO A PK NAIL SET; THENCE NORTH NO (00) DEGREES FIFTY-FOUR (54) MINUTES THIRTY-TWO (32) SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF THIRTY-EIGHT AND EIGHTY-SIX HUNDREDTHS (38.86) FEET TO THE NORTHERLY, RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U.S. ROAD #24, MARKED BY AN IRON REBAR SET AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH NO (00) DEGREES FIFTY-FOUR (54) MINUTES THIRTY-TWO (32) SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED NINETY SIX AND NINETY THREE HUNDRED (296.93) FEET TO A WOOD CORNER POST; THENCE NORTH EIGHTY-TWO (82) DEGREES FORTY-SEVEN (47) MINUTES FIFTY-NINE (59) SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF SIXTY-FOUR AND SIXTY-ONE HUNDREDTHS (64.61) FEET TO AN IRON REBAR SET; THENCE NORTH TWO (02) DEGREES THIRTY-EIGHT (38) MINUTES THIRTEEN (13) SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR AND FORTY-THREE HUNDREDTHS (174.43) FEET TO AN IRON REBAR SET; THENCE NORTH EIGHTY-NINE (89) DEGREES SIX (06) MINUTES SIXTEEN (16) SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF THREE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE AND TWENTY FIVE HUNDREDTHS (325.25) FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER, MARKED BY A P.K. NAIL SET; THENCE SOUTH NO (00) DEGREES FORTY SEVEN (47) MINUTES SIX (6) SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN AND NINETY FOUR HUNDREDTHS (118.94) FEET TO A P.K. NAIL SET; THENCE SOUTH EIGHT NINE (89) DEGREES NINE (09) MINUTES NO (00) SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF TWENTY-THREE AND FOURTEEN HUNDREDTHS (23.14) FEET TO U.S. ROAD RIGHT OF WAY LINE; THENCE FOLLOWING SAID U.S. ROAD RIGHT OF WAY LINE THE FOLLOWING THREE COURSES: 1) SOUTH TEN (10) DEGREES EIGHTEEN (18) MINUTES NO (00) SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF SIXTY AND FIFTY THREE HUNDREDTHS (60.53) FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF FIFTY THREE (53) DEGREES SIXTEEN (16) MINUTES NO (00) SECONDS, A RADIUS OF TWO HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE (265.00) FEET AND A LENGTH OF TWO HUNDRED FORTY SIX AND THIRTY SIX HUNDREDTHS (246.36) FEET; 2) THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE TO THE RIGHT, AN ARC LENGTH OF TWO HUNDRED FORTY SIX AND THIRTY SIX HUNDREDTHS (246.36) FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; 3) THENCE SOUTH FIFTY (50) DEGREES FIFTY FOUR (54) MINUTES TWENTY SECONDS (20) SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE AND TWENTY HUNDREDTHS (145.20) FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 2.32 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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TOP LEFT: Last week, MSD released new architectural renderings of the proposed new high school which will be on the Election Day ballot. **TOP RIGHT:** The building project is dependent on the passing of a referendum in November. **BOTTOM LEFT:** The facility would be located near Highway 24, just north of Heartland Career Center on Division Road between 150 West and 200 West. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The project proposes the building of a new high school and re-purposing of the current junior and senior high schools.

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more extensive planning process would occur,” said Langebartels. “Discussions would involve crafting the aesthetic of the building to match community values, along with the number of students in each space, the equipment and space they need for their tasks, and the relationship of each space to another. This would drive the development of a design that is more informed and therefore more functional and efficient.”

On Nov. 8, registered voters of the MSD school district will have the opportunity to vote on a capital project referendum.

The project proposes the building of a new high school and re-purposing of the current junior and senior high schools, according to MSD.

The new high school would combine students in grades nine through 12 currently at Northfield and Southwood. The current Northfield and Southwood Jr/Sr High buildings would transition into buildings for preschool through eighth grade.

“Our district leaders aim to provide transparent information for our community,” stated MSD. “Better decisions are made with a fuller understanding.”

According to MSD, their “strong assessed valuation allows us to operate with a relatively low tax rate.” The proposed tax rate increase of \$1.34 in 2024 “will still be lower, if not comparable to other districts in our area.”

“As we prepared to request your support in this project, decisions were carefully made to only ask for the amount needed in supporting our students, teachers, staff and

LUNCHEONS

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non-members \$13 for lunch this season.

“This program will fill up quickly, so call soon,” said Stouffer.

Earlier this month, the Woman’s Clubhouse open its doors for its annual Gene Stratton-Porter Birthday Party held in honor of the “famous, beloved author” who was born on Aug. 16, 1863, on a small farm near Lagro. This was the first event the Woman’s Clubhouse held since Carol McDonald, who led the group for 26 years, announced she was stepping down from her position in July.

For more information, call 260-990-7088 or 260-563-6613.

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our community’s schools,” stated MSD. “Did you know that Indiana public schools receive no funds from the state towards building maintenance, improvements, or new construction? It is up to the local taxpayers to provide our community’s students with learning environments, which are essential to their development. Since 2010, state funding to our schools has been reduced by \$6,850,170. We have worked hard to reduce costs and do more with less. These cost-saving initiatives have included condensed bus routes, right-sized staffing, applying for multiple grants, and maintenance updates for efficiency such as LED lighting, HVAC systems and reducing wastewater

treatment.”

MSD has scheduled several information meetings on the referendum including at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12 at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School, 154 W. 200 North; 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 at Southwood Jr./Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124; 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Lagro Community Building, 230 Buchanan St., Lagro; 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5 at Southwood Jr./Sr. High School; and 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School.

For more information, call 260-563-8050 or visit msdwc.org/referendum or msdwc.org/connect.

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